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ITEMS IN GENERAL.

A key of one of the large record safes in the State House of Columbus, Ohio, having been lost, a hole was punched through the back with a crowbar. The rear wall of the "safe" was found to consist of two thin sheets of iron, with a layer of rotten balsa between.

A mass of gold, weighing 123 pounds, on exhibition at New York. It is from the Smith & Parman mine in Colorado, is four fifths gold and one fifth silver, and is worth at an assay office \$38,000 in specie.

An extraordinary case of fatality is mentioned in the town of Sarnet, N. Y., of a mother and infant almost simultaneously killed by different accidents.

An enterprising freedman in Nashville, the beginning of the year, purchased a farm for \$8000, and has realized \$2000 worth of crops from it this season.

The Fort Wayne Gazette notices the receipt of half a dozen iron bars for the use of people who have no visible means of support.

"Tom," a genuine Guinea negro living

Hamilton, Ohio, is the only person not
native who witnessed the surrender of Col-
wallis.

The Tribune says burning school-houses
unconstitutional, and ought not to ques-
tion as to send a Representative to Col-
grass.

The owner of the richest pig well in Pen-
sylvania is a Dutchman, who has his gro-
backs corded up in his cellar.

Incredible as it may seem, many of the
richest planters in Jamaica live on cor-
ground.

"Well, Tom, you have been with me for
three months, and have seen all the dif-
ferent parts in our trade. I wish to give
you a chance of work for a while."

"Thank you, sir."

"Well, now, what part of the business
do you like the best?"

"Shutting up shop and going to drink
sir."

Old lady (to a hackman).—"But the
hacks are dangerous. You never know
what is in them. We might get the snaf-
box."

Coachy.—"You're no cause to beafere
my coach, mum, for I've ad the hind wh-

Mrs. Snyder says Snyder's excuse for firing out all night, that he was waiting for the meteoric shower, would be more plausible if his clothes didn't smell so strongly of cigar smoke, and his hair was so high.

An old woman crossed a bridge that was marked as "dangerous", without seeing a sign. On being informed of the fact, she crossed the other side of the river, she turned about and immediately recrossed.

"Bridget, where's the gridiron?" "Sure, mother, I's just after giving it to the cook. Bridget's a liberty, the thing is full of holes it's no good."

At a "wooden wedding" in Detroit, the invited guest soon regrets written up shingle.

Turkish trousers, it is said, will be fashion for ladies in Paris this winter.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Supreme Court will on Monday.

understood, declare the "iron clad" which lawyers are now by law required to take, unconstitutional. This decision by the Supreme Court will, of course, be taken by all dissent and deliver opinionally, or less in favor of the constitutionality, the oath.

The opinion of Chief Justice Chase is said to be characterized by the following: "Of course the attorneys who are hanging about Washington anxious to resume their practice, jubilate."

Some members of the Supreme Court are declared unconstitutional the test oath justices are Davis, Clifford, Nelson, C. and Field. Dissenting opinions will be delivered by Chief Justice Chase and Justices Wayne, Miller and Wayne. During the trial of the case, the Supreme Court will not sustain the test oath, but will not sustain the House.—Spencer.

INFAMOUS OUTRAGE. The apartment of three sewing women in Williamsburg, New York, were entered about two o'clock last Sunday morning by four or five desperate characters armed with a large number of pistols. They finished and undressed. Having secured the plunder, the ruffians turned their attention to the women, and treated them almost as most inhuman and horrible manner, and finally they fled. The only person who escaped the rapine of the outrage, which was a man, the wretches all escaped. Two of the women were subsequently arrested.

A GHOST STORY. Chicago is now enjoying a first-class sensation in the form of a haunted house. The supernatural manifestations are located in a house on Randolph street, occupied by a Mr. Skidmore, a wife, sister and two children. After the manifestations began, the family fled together; gave

others, spittoons, dishes, bottles and numerous other articles are hurled about the rooms by a shake of the cloth from their respective places. The floor is then covered with a spack of straw, a codfish, some fish bones and other articles which the family firm they never saw before, are said to be the mysterious drops, dropped into the room before the eyes of the inmates, and are pressed into the floor. The blood of the man whose blood dripped from the hall door, is said to have been deposited at the feet of Mrs. Skeele's demonstration and many other similar articles are scattered about, and much excitement is caused in the neighborhood. The premises are now being guarded by the police force, the parties living in the rooms are not supposed to leave the rooms, and are said to be unable to do anything to do with the investigations of spiritual phenomena. The members of orthodox churches, and persons

of intelligence.

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